

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**
July 15, 2016

These minutes were
approved by the Board
on September 16, 2016

ORAL EXAMINATION ADMINISTRATION 10 am to 11am

The following candidates were administered the examination and received a passing score:

Chadwell, Mindy
Coutts, Michael
Hill, Kimberly
Hoff, Sarah
King, Sarah

1. ROLL CALL

The meeting of the Board of Psychology was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Carver, at 11:11 a.m. in Lower Level A, State Office Building, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska. Copies of the agenda were mailed to the Board members and other interested parties in accordance with the Open Meetings Law. The following members answered the roll call:

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	<u>BOARD REPRESENTATION</u>
Karen Billingsley	Member
Stephanie Bruhn, PhD	Member
David Carver, PhD	Chair
Jennifer Dreibelbis	Member
Mary Fran Flood, PhD	Member
Jerry Van Winkle, PsyD	Secretary
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	<u>BOARD REPRESENTATION</u>
Mark Weilage, PhD	Vice-Chair (arrived 11:15 a.m.)
<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	<u>AGENCY REPRESENTATION</u>
Kris Chiles	Licensure Unit
Nancy Herdman	Licensure Unit
Mindy Lester	Assistant Attorney General

Members introduced themselves to Jennifer Dreibelbis, a new member attending for the first time.

11:15 a.m. - Weilage entered the meeting

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: Weilage moved, seconded by Flood, to adopt the agenda. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Billingsley, Bruhn, Carver, Dreibelbis, Flood, Van Winkle, Weilage (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5-20-16)

There was a correction to the minutes because the names of those who took and passed the oral examination were not included.

MOTION: Flood moved, seconded by Weilage, to approve the minutes of 5-20-16 as corrected. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Billingsley, Bruhn, Carver, Flood, Van Winkle, Weilage (6). Voting nay: None (0). Abstain: Dreibelbis (1). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

4. INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION – CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Weilage moved, seconded by Bruhn, to enter into closed session at 11:20 a.m. Weilage announced that the purpose was to hear discussions of an investigative/confidential nature and for the prevention of needless injury to the reputation of the individuals. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Billingsley, Bruhn, Carver, Dreibelbis, Flood, Van Winkle, Weilage (7). Voting nay: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

MOTION: Weilage moved, seconded by Bruhn, to enter into open session at 12:04 p.m. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Billingsley, Bruhn, Carver, Dreibelbis, Flood, Van Winkle, Weilage (7). Voting nay: None (0). Voting abstain: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

12:05 p.m. - Break
12:20 p.m. - Meeting resumed
Teresa Hampton, Department Attorney, entered the meeting

5. REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS – OPEN SESSION

a. Applications, Education and Reinstatements

Christopher Sanders – Psychologist Applicant

MOTION: Bruhn moved, seconded by Weilage, to defer the application and request a pre-licensure investigation. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Billingsley, Bruhn, Carver, Dreibelbis, Flood, Van Winkle, Weilage (7). Voting nay: None (0). Voting abstain: None (0). Absent: None (0). Motion carried.

Weilage reported he reviewed an internship equivalency for Christopher Sanders and determined the internship to be APA equivalent.

Chiles provided an update on the reinstatement application of Dr. Kevin Piske. She stated the Board's decision had been mailed to Dr. Piske and he submitted an appeal of the Board's recommendation to offer a reinstatement of the license on probation. Given the appeal request, the next step would be a hearing before the Board. Hampton commented that a 30 day notice of the hearing must be given, the Assistant Attorney General would represent the Department in the hearing, she would assist the Board Chair in facilitation of the hearing, and usually a court reporter would be present. She stated the hearing occurs in open session, the Board enters into closed session to deliberate, and then returns to open session to vote on their motion.

The Board agreed to set the hearing at 1:00 p.m. during their next meeting on 9-16-16.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Correspondence

• Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards

The Department received a notice from the Job Task Advisory Committee regarding the conducting of a job task analysis and asking for assistance notifying licensees. Carver commented that he had looked at the survey and it seemed time consuming. The purpose of the survey is to gather information on job tasks to validate the examination to ensure the EPPP assesses knowledge and the EPPP Step 2 assesses skill. Chiles stated the notice could be sent out to those psychologists for whom the Department had an e-mail. It was the Board's recommendation to send it out to those psychologists who had an e-mail and each psychologist could decide to complete the survey or not.

Flood asked Carver what were the pros for a clinical examination. Carver responded the current examination measures academic and does not focus on clinical. He stated the proposal is patterned after the medical profession where there is an academic and a clinical examination followed by another examination and then there may be a specialty examination. These examinations take place at different times in the training process and psychology only tests once after degree program completion. Carver

stated some believe the EPPP is not sufficient and a new examination would strengthen the profession. He stated each state would need to decide if they want the clinical examination.

Carver reported he would be attending the meeting in October in Baltimore.

- **American Psychological Association**

Carver stated there was still a lot of back and forth going on regarding the Hoffman report and the charges of unethical behavior by APA leaders. He commented there was a lot of uncertainty at the national level.

- **Nebraska Psychological Association**

Carver reported there would be a program in October by Paul Frick on Antisocial Behavior of Children.

7. UPDATES/REPORTS

- **Rules and Regulations (no updated available)**

There was no new information to report.

- **Justice Behavioral Health Committee (Carver)**

Bruhn stated she attended the meeting and there was nothing new to report.

- **Overview of Process Improvement Projects in the Licensure Unit**

Chiles reported the Licensure Unit was implementing process improvement and it started with the nursing area. The Governor's priorities include a more efficient and effective State Government and customer focused. The direction is to run government like a business. She shared the following improvements:

- At the start of the process, nursing applications were 84% deficient, which meant staff needed to communicate with the applicant regarding the deficient documentation. After gathering feedback internally, from previous applicants, schools and employers, the application was revised and deficient applications received decreased from 84% to 4%. Chiles stated making the application simpler with less words made a huge difference.
- Provided outreach by visiting nursing schools and providing application information to students also made a difference.
- Nursing implemented an automated phone system resulting in less calls being redirected.
- Developed a chart with identifying each step for processing an application; they and were able to cut the steps in half.
- Morning huddle with staff each day to determine what work needed to be done and they worked as a team to get that work done.
- Reduced costs and resources by eliminating copying and mailing examination results with licenses (the student receives the examination results at the test site).
- Eliminated sending wallet cards at renewal time.

Chiles stated they are now starting process improvement with mental health.

1:12 p.m.	-	Weilage departed meeting
1:14 p.m.	-	Weilage entered meeting
		Billingsley departed meeting
1:20 p.m.	-	Billingsley entered meeting

Chiles stated she looked at psychology application processing times. She reported for provisional psychology, the average processing time was 16 days and for all psychology types, the average processing time was 32 days.

- **Licensure and Examination Statistics / Administrative Penalties**

Chiles reported the following since the last meeting:

- No administrative penalties.
- 6 individuals passed the EPP, 1 failed

Chiles reported the following license statistics:

30 day temporary practice	3
Provisional Psychologist	37
Psychological Assistant	102
Psychologist	519
Psychologist Associate	1
Special Psychologist	8
Temporary Psychologist	4

Chiles stated the Department had recently received an application from an individual applying based on 20 years of practice as a psychologist in another state.

Chiles reported 5 applicants took the oral examination today and all passed.

- **Disciplinary and Non-Disciplinary Action Reports**

Chiles reported that since the last meeting, there had been one Assurance of Compliance issued.

1:33 p.m. - Bruhn departed meeting

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Weilage moved, seconded by Billingsley, to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken. Voting aye: Billingsley, Carver, Dreibelbis, Flood, Van Winkle, Weilage (6). Voting nay: None (0). Voting abstain: None (0). Absent: Bruhn (1). Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting of the Board of Psychology adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Van Winkle, PsyD, Secretary
Board of Psychology

**Next Meeting:
September 16, 2016**

Summarized by: Nancy Herdman, Health Licensing Coordinator – Licensure Unit